

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2846 - HB 3139

February 22, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Require a political party's primary ballot to contain the following acknowledgement, "The party and its nominees most closely represent my views." Requires each voter in a primary election to sign or initial the acknowledgment prior to casting their ballot.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-7-133(d) provides that "[a]ny ballot marked by the voter for identification shall not be counted. The judges shall write on it "Void" and the reason and sign it."
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, signing or initialing a paper ballot as directed in this bill will constitute a mark for identification purposes and render it void.
- Voting machines do not contain a place for a voter to sign or initial as directed by the bill.
- The proposed bill contains no provision eliminating or repealing the current requirements.
- It is assumed that since the requirements set out in the bill cannot be accomplished as contrary to current law, any fiscal impact on state or local governments will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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